

Minutes for July 7, 2009 Board Meeting

1. A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 am at the Iola Service Center by Craig Mentzer, Chairman with a quorum present.

Supervisors Present: DeWayne Jarred, Vice-Chairman, Donna Beebe, Member,

Supervisors Absent: Ryan Garrett, Treasurer, Juanita Tolle, Member

Others Present: Kelli Kramer, District Manager, Matt Powe, NRCS SDC

2. Additions to the Agenda:

- a. The treasurer was absent at this meeting, so Donna Beebe was appointed pro-tem treasurer. The motion was made by Craig and seconded by DeWayne. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting:

Motion by DeWayne and seconded by Donna to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously. Mentzer signed the minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report (see attached):

The motion was made by Donna and seconded by DeWayne to accept the treasurer's report as written and to pay the bills. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Correspondence Received:

The following correspondence was reviewed by the supervisors as presented by Kramer:

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| a. | 06/01/09 | Funds available for livestock projects |
| b. | 06/02/09 | NPS Funds will be \$2532.00 |
| c. | 06/02/09 | He is available for talks at county fairs |
| d. | 06/03/09 | Buffer Funds will be \$8750 for FY 2010 |
| e. | 06/03/09 | The Cooperative Agreement has been reinstated |
| f. | 06/03/09 | Buffer Coordinator training in Salina on June 18 |
| g. | 06/04/09 | Outstanding OSW contracts will be cancelled on June 22 |
| h. | 06/04/09 | Revised Pumping Plant Practice Code |
| i. | 06/05/09 | Summer Newsletter |
| j. | 06/08/09 | Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom newsletter |
| k. | 06/09/09 | Claim forms have been changed and returned |
| l. | 06/11/09 | Jeff Sellman's insurance |
| m. | 06/22/09 | Explanation of new types of accounts |
| n. | 06/22/09 | CSIMS will be shut down until July 27 |
| o. | 06/22/09 | KDHE has fillable form for Waterwell plugging |
| p. | 06/24/09 | 09 environmental conference will be 8/18 in Wichita |
| q. | 06/23/09 | Forestry Notes |
| r. | 06/30/09 | CSIMS is shut down |
| s. | 07/02/09 | Rate for next year is .10% (same as this year) |
| t. | 07/02/09 | The Resource newsletter |

7. NRCS Report:

Matt passed out his report.

8. Review Conservation Plans prepared by NRCS:

Matt presented EQIP applications with signed plans. The board signed all presented plans.

9. State Cost Share Report Update:

- a. Water Resources Cost-Share Report

Two projects completed, including one from 2007. Now we have only one contract from that year let to complete.

- b. Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program - One onsite project completed.

10. Conservation District Staff Reports:

- i. June 9 – met with county commissioners about budget for 2010. I made them a booklet on county activities.
 - ii. I met with Doug Blex from KAWS and we finalized plans for the July 16 workshop.
 - iii. Met with Scott Carlson from State Conservation Commission on July 2, discussed meetings, county commissioners, and other topics. He liked the presentation I made to the commissioners so well that he took it back to show the staff and potentially use in future trainings for how to talk with county commissioners.
- b. Buffer Coordinator – no report this month

11. Unfinished Business:

- a.

12. New Business:

- a. David Tidd (see letter)

The board decided get a tarp to cover the drill instead of requiring it be kept in a barn. Also, Kelli is to quote liability through the district and David is to keep theft and fire, etc insurance. The motion was made by Donna and seconded by DeWayne. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. K-State called to see if the district would be interested in handling the Clean Water Neighbor grant funds for the Lower Neosho WRAPS group. The district would be in charge of keeping track of the cost-share funds distributed. The grant funds are for promoting the project locally and doing demonstration sites. The grant is for \$20000, with \$3000 going to K-State for the work they do and the rest is up for grabs. The district is able to ask for up to 10% of the total for "salary reimbursement" for the hours that Kelli would be working on the grant. If interested, Kelli is to apply for the funds, which have been set aside for us with KDHE.

The board decided that pursuing this grant is the right thing for the district to do. The motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna to pursue the grant. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. It was brought to the district to see if we would be willing to hold a backyard conservation workshop or series of workshops in Iola. (see sample in folder) I found a grant that would cover 60% of the costs to put on the event, but I would need a 40% match from other sources. If applied for a \$2500 grant, I would need \$1000 local match, which I propose be split between a few sources like the district and our WRAPS group from the above grant. I would like to apply for the Jan 10 deadline to get a project going in June of 2010. Is this a direction that the district would like to go?

The board discussed this and decided that since we do not have the expertise to put this on, that we should try and find a local greenhouse or garden center and see if they want to team up for this event.

- e. Kelli's Evaluation

The board filled out Kelli's evaluation and voted to give Kelli the same cost of living increase as the county. Kelli checked the minutes and in December 2008 the county commissioners gave an increase of \$.25/hour for all employees making \$10.00/hour and under. They also gave up to \$.30 per hour for merit increases. Kelli will present this info to the board at our next meeting. The motion was made by DeWayne and seconded by Donna. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Agenda Items for next meeting:

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14. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by Craig Mentzer.

15. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, August 4, 7:30 a.m.